

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1537 - SB 1802

April 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Department of Education to establish a pilot neighborhood school program in one elementary school from each of the following counties: Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby, as follows:
 - the purpose of the pilot program shall be to enable teachers to (1) assess the learning and living environment of the student and to propose strategies to ensure the students exercise maximum learning potential in light of their personal needs, and (2) measure the effectiveness of proposed strategies to address the needs of the students, and to encourage and assist in the expansion of effective programs.
 - the pilot program requires that at least 25% of the full-time teachers in the participating schools live within a 10 mile radius of the school. The pilot program shall continue in existence for a period not to exceed three years. The Department of Education shall monitor and measure the effectiveness of the program and submit an annual report to the House and Senate Education Committees and to the State Board of Education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- Any cost to the Department of Education and the State Board of Education for developing the program is estimated to be not significant.
- Any cost for monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the program required of the Department of Education is estimated to be not significant.
- Any additional cost to local governments would be dependent upon the following: (1) which schools in each county are selected to participate; (2) if teachers of the selected schools live within 10 miles of the school in which they are employed; (3) if teachers in the pilot schools are required to relocate to meet the 25% rule; and (4) if teachers in participating schools are required to assume additional work outside their normal workday or contracted responsibilities.
- To the extent LEAs in the selected pilot schools in each of the four counties already have at least 25% of their existing teachers living nearby, there would be no significant cost to implement the program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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